

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on March 27, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 102
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 473, 3/23/2017; HB 511, 3/23/2017; HB 638, 3/23/2017; HB 639, 3/23/2017; HB 652, 3/23/2017; HB 658, 3/23/2017

00:01:35 Chair Ballance
00:01:40 Vice Chair Brodehl left the meeting

HEARING ON HB 638

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:00 Rep. Jon Knokey (R), HD 65, opened the hearing on HB 638, Fund direct care worker wage increases in developmental disability services.

EXHIBIT(aph63a01)

00:05:01 Rep. Patelis arrived

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:54 Ken Brown, Opportunity Resources
00:13:34 David Eaton, Counterpoint Incorporated
00:14:04 Chair Ballance relinquished the chair to Rep. Cook
00:16:19 Jennifer Butler, Quality Life Concepts
00:18:31 Clinton Kelly, Quality Life Concepts
00:20:17 Kerry Dattilo, Quality Life Concepts
00:22:42 Justin Harvey, Quality Life Concepts
00:25:00 Kayla Harvey, Quality Life Concepts
00:27:00 Kelly Jepson, Full Circle Counseling Solutions

EXHIBIT(aph63a02)

00:28:15 Chair Cook
00:28:25 Fran Kadoski, Missoula Developmental Services Corporation (MDSC)
00:31:39 Mike Mahoney, Family Outreach
00:32:54 Charley Briggs, Easter Seals-Good Will
00:33:26 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana
00:34:43 Eve Franklin, Montana Association of Disability Services

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:39 Vice Chair McCarthy
00:37:23 Rep. Knokey
00:37:27 Vice Chair McCarthy
00:37:30 Rep. Ryan
00:37:38 Vice Chair McCarthy
00:37:46 Rep. Knokey
00:38:40 Chair Cook
00:38:47 Vice Chair McCarthy
00:38:54 Chair Cook
00:38:58 Vice Chair McCarthy
00:39:17 Rep. Knokey
00:39:21 Rep. Woods
00:39:41 Rep. Knokey

00:40:18 Rep. Wood
00:41:44 Rep. Knokey
00:43:14 Rep. Ellis
00:45:29 Rep. Knokey
00:46:10 Rep. Tschida
00:47:10 Chair Cook
00:47:27 Rep. Tschida
00:47:51 Chair Cook
00:47:59 David Eaton, Counterpoint Incorporated
00:48:29 Rep. Tschida
00:49:02 Rep. Burnett
00:49:52 Rep. Knokey
00:50:01 Rep. Burnett
00:50:15 Eve Franklin, Montana Association of Disability Services
00:51:05 Rep. Burnett
00:51:09 Eve Franklin, Montana Association of Disability Services
00:51:37 Rep. Woods
00:52:10 Chair Cook
00:52:29 Rep. Woods
00:52:34 Rep. Knokey
00:53:19 Rep. Cook
00:53:37 Rep. Knokey
00:54:58 Rep. Hamlett
00:55:21 Rep. Knokey
00:56:15 Chair Cook

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:43 Rep. Knokey

01:01:32 Chair Cook relinquished the chair to Vice Chair McCarthy

HEARING ON HB 652

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:01:58 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 652, Generally revise healthcare laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:02:53 Kris Hansen, Office of the State Auditor (OSA)

[EXHIBIT\(aph63a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph63a04\)](#)

01:13:12 Bill Lombardi, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana

01:14:21 Rep. Ballance returned to the meeting

01:15:29 Jennifer Hensley, Pacific Source Healthplan

01:16:12 Richard Miltenberger, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:17:32 Mary Dalton, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:20:17 Rep. Keane
 01:20:56 Bill Lombardi, Blue cross blue shield I think
 01:22:09 Rep. Woods
 01:24:36 Kris Hansen, OSA
 01:25:35 Rep. Burnett
 01:26:07 Kris Hansen, OSA
 01:28:35 Rep. Ellis
 01:29:56 Kris Hansen, OSA
 01:31:57 Rep. Knokey
 01:32:37 Kris Hansen, OSA
 01:33:53 Rep. Knokey
 01:35:58 Mary Dalton, DPHHS
 01:37:55 Rep. Hamlett
 01:38:41 Rep. Cook
 01:39:18 Rep. Keane
 01:39:58 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 01:40:12 Rep. Ellis
 01:40:50 Mary Dalton, DPHHS
 01:41:12 Chair McCarthy
 01:44:21 Kris Hansen, OSA
 01:46:18 Rep. Ryan
 01:46:28 Kris Hansen, OSA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:47:24 Rep. Cook

 01:48:28 Rep. Ballance resumed the Chair

HEARING ON HB 473

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:48:50 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 473, Revise highway revenue laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:53:36 Darryl James, Montana Infrastructure Coalition
 01:55:53 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
 01:56:50 Bob Gilbert, City of Colstrip, City of Glendive
 01:57:47 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce
 01:58:23 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana
 01:59:01 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns
 01:59:30 Greg Dorrington, City of Bozeman
 01:59:52 Jay Skoog, American Council of Engineering
 02:00:19 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT
 02:00:38 Tom Butler, Montana Highway Patrol
 02:01:12 Shane Gorder, Richland County Commissioner
 02:01:48 Jason Rittal, Fallon County, Montana Economic Development

02:02:10 John MacDonald, City of Missoula
02:02:34 Brad Longcake, Montana Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Stores
02:03:00 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:03:39 Larry Flynn, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:05:12 Rep. Burnett
02:05:20 Rep. Garner
02:06:01 Rep. Tschida
02:07:17 Rep. Garner
02:07:21 Rep. Tschida
02:07:51 Chair Ballance
02:08:08 Rep. Garner
02:08:12 Rep. Cook
02:08:39 Rep. Garner
02:09:16 Rep. Cook
02:09:22 Rep. Garner

EXHIBIT(aph63a05)

02:09:30 Rep. Cook
02:09:35 Rep. Garner
02:09:39 Chair Ballance
02:11:12 Eric Bryson, MACo

Closing by Sponsor:

02:11:33 Rep. Garner

02:12:12 Chair Ballance

HEARING ON HB 511

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:12:23 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 511, Revise income tax laws related to businesses.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:14:03 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue (DOR)
02:15:40 Rep. Glimm joined the meeting

Opponents' Testimony:

02:17:38 Walt Kero, Self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:20:43 Rep. Ellis
02:21:07 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
02:22:45 Rep. Bartel
02:23:29 Rep. Cook
02:23:47 Rep. Knokey
02:24:11 Rep. Cook
02:24:53 Rep. Knokey
02:25:51 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
02:27:21 Rep. Knokey
02:29:50 Rep. Cook
02:29:58 Rep. Keane
02:32:03 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
02:32:23 Rep. Knokey
02:33:31 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

02:34:15 Rep. Cook

HEARING ON HB 639**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:35:54 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 639, Revising funding for health care services.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

02:37:09 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

Informational Testimony:

02:41:13 Mary Dalton, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:41:38 Rep. Burnett
02:42:22 Mary Dalton, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

02:42:57 Rep. Cook

HEARING ON HB 658**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:44:11 Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 658, Revise lease-purchase laws regarding state buildings.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:45:30 Brian Thompson, Montana Contractors Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:46:49 Rep. Glimm
02:47:49 Rep. Hamlett
02:49:44 Rep. Woods
02:50:51 Rep. Hamlett
02:51:00 Rep. Cuffe
02:53:26 Rep. Hamlett
02:54:10 Rep. Burnett
02:54:50 Rep. Hamlett
02:55:35 Rep. Dudik joined the meeting
02:55:50 Rep. Burnett
02:56:26 Rep. Hamlett

Closing by Sponsor:

02:56:52 Rep. Hamlett

02:57:23 Chair Ballance

[EXHIBIT\(aph63a06\)](#)

03:00:27 Rep. Dudik
03:00:39 Rep. Glimm
03:00:50 Chair Ballance

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:01:33

Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph63aad.pdf](#))